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AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague-infected animals.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, August 14, 1905.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the Colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended August 12, 1905, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—One case of plague was discovered during the week, viz, an Indian female, after death, on the 10th instant.

At the plague hospital 1 case remains under treatment. One hundred and ten rats (18 found dead) and 65 mice (5 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 9 rats and 1 mouse proved to be plague infected.

Uitenhage.—One hundred and ten rats (5 found dead) and 10 mice (1 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week without any signs of plague infection being discovered.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 1 case remains under treatment. One hundred and thirteen rats (17 found dead) and 28 mice (3 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 2 rats proved to be plague infected.

King Williams Town.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Eighty-one rats (18 found dead) and 20 mice were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 6 rats proved to be plague infected. The 2 cats reported as suspicious of plague in last week's bulletin have also proved plague infected.

Other districts of the colony.—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Three hundred and eighty-eight rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town Harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor, and 4 from the Claremont municipality; also 649 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Report from Freetown, Sierra Leone—Mortality—Sanitary conditions and improvements.

Vice-Consul Dougherty reports, August 23, as follows:

Week ended August 12, 19 deaths. Week ended August 19, 18 deaths. Though this colony is in the same latitude as Panama there is no yellow fever here and has not been for many years.

Special attention is being paid to hygiene and sanitation at present by the board of education in Freetown. These subjects are to be studied in the secondary schools and prizes given to those most proficient. The object is to increase general knowledge and interest.

There is no change in the health conditions of Freetown and the surrounding territories.